AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add on page 1, line 3, the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-8, as follows:

-- The invention relates to sample receiving devices with the features of the preamble of elaim 1. The invention also relates to processes for the manufacture and/or the usage of such sample receiving devices. --

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph on page 3, lines 8-11.

Please add on page 3, line 12, the following heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please add on page 9, line 7, the following heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Please add on page 9, line 28, the following heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.

Please rewrite the Abstract on page 22 as follows:

-- Summary-ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a sample receiving device (100), particularly for the cryoconservation of at least one sample, <u>comprising-including</u> a bundle (10) consisting of a plurality of hose-shaped flexible sample chambers (11, 12, ...) and a holding device (20) with which the bundle (10) of the sample chambers is joined. The holding device (20) has a plurality of holding frames (21, 22, ...) which are arranged in a longitudinal direction of the bundle (10). --